

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/852,828

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Nicholas D. Rosen

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the After Final Amendment of 5/31/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-10, 12-24, 26-38 and 40-42.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 29 January 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 8/6/01 & 12/18/01
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claims 1-10, 12-24, 26-38, and 40-42 have been examined.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-10 and 12-14 are allowed.

Claims 15-24 and 26-28 are allowed.

Claims 29-38 and 40-42 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The closest prior art of record, Vandyk ("No Entry"), discloses a method for facilitating international travel, the method comprising: creating a travel record; creating in dependence upon the travel record, an immigration admissions form for a destination country; and submitting the immigrations admissions form to an immigration admission forms database for the destination country (three paragraphs beginning from "The Blue system differs from the Green"). Vandyk does not disclose that the travel record is stored on or within an international travel server, or that the travel record is created in response to a signal communicated through an internet-enabled device coupled for data communications through at least one internet connection to an international travel server, but does disclose transmitting passenger information electronically (ibid.). Vandyk discloses validating a travel record against enforcement data in databases (three paragraphs beginning from "The Blue system differs from the Green"), and therefore, by implication, against admissions rules stored in an admissions rules database (in the sense that "Don't admit identified criminals or persons with incorrect

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documents" is an admission rule). It is well known to communicate signals through internet enabled devices coupled for data communications through at least one internet connection to a server (e.g., any sort of client, such as a PC, communicating with an Internet server). However, Vandyk does not disclose the travel server, separately from any immigration computer of the destination country, validating travel described in travel records against admission rules stored in admission rules databases, nor does any other prior art of record. In Vandyk, such validation is carried out by the Customs Service and/or other authorities based on information received from what may be considered a travel server. Validating data or plans, as such, is known, but that is held not sufficient to make the particulars of validating travel against admission rules in context obvious.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Note Regarding Information Disclosure Statements

The examiner has signed off on the IDS statements filed August 3, 2001 (Document #4) and November 13, 2001. The examiner previously signed off on these IDS's, and made them of record in the Office action mailed September 29, 2004. However, as the initialed and signed IDS's appear not to be present in the electronic file wrapper, they have been made of record once again.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nicholas D. Rosen, whose telephone number is 571-272-6762. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM, M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wynn Coggins, can be reached on 571-272-7159. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306. Non-official/draft communications can be faxed to the examiner at 571-273-6762.

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